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SECOND
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
CITY OF SACO,
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 27,
1869,
TOGETHER WITH
THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS,
And other Annual Reports relating to the Affairs of the City.



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1869.

ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Entering on this new municipal year, let our first thought be one of gratitude, that we have not to look back upon any great calamity that has fallen upon us a community, and that the future still beckons us forward with good hope of prosperity. We assume our duties with favoring circumstances, and let us hope that we shall so discharge them that the close of the year shall find no harm done the City by our action. It rests upon me to lay before you, briefly, the condition of our affairs, and to make such suggestions as to the future as shall seem proper and expedient. The debt of the City on the first of March, current, was Eighty-four Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-two Dollars, (\$84,132) as follows :

LIABILITIES.

City Bonds,	\$50,000 00
Notes Payable,	34,475 39
Accrued Interest,	1,391 27
State Tax Balance,	7,500 00
County Tax Balance,	1,405 54
School Districts,	687 81
Land Damage, uncalled for,	99 78
	<hr/>
Total Liabilities,	\$95,559 79

ASSETS.

Due from J. C. Bradbury, Collector		
1863-64,	\$322	56
Due from D. Tuxbury, Collector '66,	58	82
“ “ “ “ '67,	847	68
“ “ “ “ '68,	9452	81
State of Maine School Fund,	153	41
“ “ Pension Appropriation,	42	00
D. Tuxbury, Collector 1868, side-		
walk appropriation,	456	29
Cash in Treasury,	93	98
	<hr/>	11,427 55
Balance of Debt Feb. 27, 1869,		\$84,132 23
Balance of Debt March 1, 1868,		86,626 00
Reduction in 1868,	\$2,493	77
<p>It will be seen by the above schedule that we have reduced our debt nearly twenty-five hundred dollars the past year, notwithstanding the somewhat extensive local improvements that have been made, which improvements are all paid for so far as completed. During 1868, the buildings on the southeast side of Main street, between Pepperell Square and Cutts Island bridge, were nearly all destroyed by fire, and it was thought best to improve the opportunity to widen that portion of the street, which was done at an expense including land damages and abutments, of</p>		
A much needed Engine house has been erected		\$3,323 33.
on Thornton avenue, at a cost of		\$4,211 88
A Sewer been laid from Cutt's Island bridge to		
Storer street, at		1,819 05
Sidewalks improved and extended up Main street		
to the Baptist church,		1,648 85
Improvement of Common,		671 83
Total expense of improvements,		<hr/> \$11,674 94

The above expenditures were made in accordance with the views of the authorities last year, and although the work seems to have been well and economically done, I urgently recommend that in the future we shall not divert appropriations from their proper objects.

It has been thought advisable in the past, and I presume will be by you, that each year an appropriation be specifically made for the reduction of the outstanding debt of the city, and I especially urge that such appropriation be sacredly applied to its purpose; our credit demands it, and good faith to our tax payers, as well as our creditors, alike enforce the demand.

While we should exercise the most careful economy in the use of the public money, we should not forget "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth, there is that withholdeth, but it tendeth to poverty;" a judicious liberality is more economical than parsimony. A proper system of sewerage is essential to every place; life and health, to say nothing of comfort, depend upon it. Especially is this true with us, situated as our City is over a swamp, and I recommend a suitable appropriation for extending the sewer commenced last year still further up Main street. The experience of last year has proved that it can be built reasonably, and will afford great advantages not only to the residents in the immediate vicinity, but to all who have occasion to use our streets at any time.

The Common has been enclosed with a fence, but the last year's appropriation was not large enough to pay for painting the fence, or to furnish gates, and I recommend that such further sum be appropriated as shall complete the unfinished work, and allow some grading and underdraining. We have no other place of out door public resort, and it is due ourselves and our position, that some deference be paid to the wishes of those who gave us the land, and a respectable place be provided for the public enjoyment and recreation.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Every year we are called upon to make appropriations for the instruction of our children and youth. Nothing so attracts one to a place, so commands the respect of strangers, as a wisely liberal provision for public instruction. Here can we best invest our money; our other interests are merely temporary, this is permanent and brings a speedy return. Public buildings may be destroyed, private enterprise may languish, but a community that is constantly bringing up well instructed youth is never poor. Our schools appear to be in a prosperous condition, and I refer you to the Report of the School Committee for details. We need very much a new school house, to accommodate our growing population, and I recommend to you a careful consideration of the subject. Allow me to refer to the suggestions made by my predecessors in relation to the Thornton Academy Fund. There are now over \$20,000 belonging to that Institution, and not a child has been benefited by it for the past twenty-one years. Cannot the City and the Trustees work together for the public? The annual expense of the High School, if added to the income of the Academy fund, would maintain a school that would be the pride of our City. Could not an Academy building be erected by the City and leased to the Academy, on such terms as would insure the instruction of our youth in the higher branches, with but little further outlay on our part. It will be necessary to levy an extra tax this year on No. 1 District, to keep up our present rate of expenditure.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Our Fire Department consists of one Steamer and two hand Engines, with the usual complement of hose, carriages, &c., all in good repair. The expense the past year was \$2,859 15. The Niagara hand engine is out of commission, and I would

refer to you whether a Company better not be formed to take charge of her. I would also suggest some limitation as to age in the organization of our volunteer Companies, so as to insure their being composed of men of discretion and prudence.

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH.

The total expense of the Police and Night Watch was \$1,569 25. Extra force was employed a part of the time, on account of the alarming frequency of incendiary fires ; I cannot give an account of the duties performed by these officers, as the report of the City Marshal has not been completed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Our public buildings are in very good repair, and but a small outlay will be needed ; there was expended on them last year for repairs \$303,00 ; the net income from City Hall was forty-one dollars and forty-nine cents. I would recommend that a more suitable place be provided for our Municipal Court. The Court room is now a small, back office, poorly lighted, and with no means of ventilation. The Legislature has passed a bill giving our Court jurisdiction throughout the County to the amount of one hundred dollars. This law will increase the business before the Court, and bring in practice from all sections of the County, and there seems to be a necessity that we provide decent accommodations.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The amount expended the past year for roads and bridges was \$6,666 47. Our laws compel us to have safe and convenient highways, and render us liable for our failures in that respect. Constant watchfulness is necessary on our part, and a judicious expenditure of a small sum of money will often save us great expense in the way of damages. There is needed in some of the outer Districts more than the usual expenditures, and I recommend appropriations accordingly.

PAUPERS.

The support of the poor requires the most judicious care. That "the world owes every one a living," is an acknowledged truth in our State, at least, and humanity demands that pressing want, whether caused by crime or misfortune, shall be relieved. Still, great care is needed to distinguish between wants real and feigned, and the position of Overseer of the poor is one of great delicacy, and demanding sound judgment. Providence has favored us the past season with a mild Winter, and our pauper expenses for 1868-69 were only \$1,857 84, a reduction of nearly seven hundred dollars from last year.

I have thus endeavored to give a brief summary of the state of our affairs. Further details will be found in the reports of the proper officers committed to you. Before I close, let me request your indulgent support in this untried field of duty, and let me urge the obligations that rest upon all of us to serve our City faithfully and well. We have accepted our several positions, certainly not for the hope of reward, and the honor we obtain from them depends solely on ourselves. As we discharge our trusts, committed to us by the votes of our fellow citizens, so shall we stand or fall. Let us not forget the oath we have taken, to do our whole duty, and let all our actions be shaped, not only to obtain the approval of our fellow men, but of Him, whose help we have but just now solemnly invoked.

MOSES LOWELL.

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CITY OF SACO.
1869.

MAYOR.
MOSES LOWELL.

ALDERMEN.

- WARD 1. BENJAMIN F. COLE.
“ 2. WILLIAM SCAMMAN.
“ 3. NATHANIEL T. BOOTHBY.
“ 4. JOHN HANSCOM.
“ 5. EDWARD P. BURNHAM.
“ 6. STEPHEN C. LIBBY.
“ 7. CHARLES M. LITTLEFIELD.
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CITY CLERK.
JOSEPH L. MILLIKEN.

COMMON COUNCIL.
MOSES J. HAINES, *President*.

- WARD 1. IVORY FENDERSON,
FRANK SCAMMAN,
“ 2. GEORGE RICKER,
WILLIAM H. LORD.
“ 3. MARTIN H. DEARING,
ISAIAH P. MILLIKEN.

WARD 4. CHARLES D. SCAMMAN,
FRANCIS EMMONS.

“ 5. JOHN L. RUMERY,
GEORGE E. CORLISS.

“ 6. HARRISON CLEAVES,
ALBERT C. SAWYER.

“ 7. MOSES J. HAINES,
FRANK L. HARMON.

CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL.
JAMES W. LITTLEFIELD.

WARD OFFICERS.

	WARDENS.	WARD CLERKS.
WARD 1.	Ivory Lord.	Daniel L. Young.
“ 2.	Dominicus Jordan.	Alfred C. Tuxbury.
“ 3.	George A. Deering.	George H. Boothby.
“ 4.	Frank Foss.	John W. Sweetser.
“ 5.	Augustus B. Austin.	Charles C. Temple.
“ 6.	Mark Prime.	Oliver C. Clark.
“ 7.	James L. Emery.	Seth M. Chadbourne.

CONSTABLES.

WARD 1.	Phineas Libby, 2d.
“ 2.	Israel G. Wakefield.
“ 3.	Albion R. P. Whitney.
“ 4.	Orin Fenderson.
“ 5.	Joseph Hardy.
“ 6.	Daniel Rounds.
“ 7.	Joseph F. Chadbourne.

Judge of the Municipal Court.—George A. Emery.

City Solicitor.—Edward P. Burnham.

City Marshal.—Obadiah Durgin.

Treasurer.—Jason W. Beatty.

Collector.—Joseph F. Dearing.

Auditor.—Charles Littlefield.

Assessors.—Ivory Lord, Charles Littlefield, William E. Donnell.

Overseers of Poor.—Benjamin F. Cole, Francis A. Boothby, Paul C. Sands.

Superintending School Committee.—Moses J. Haines, William Hobson, Charles H. Milliken.

City Physician.—Joseph P. Grant.

Board of Health.—J. E. L. Kimball, Edwin B. Smith, Stephen C. Libby.

Chief Engineer of Fire Department.—Owen B. Chadbourne.

Assistants.—1st, Augustus Lord; 2d, Daniel S. Sands.

SCHOOL AGENTS.

DIST. No. 1, Nath'l T. Boothby,	DIST. No. 5, Edward Milliken.
Dorrance Littlefield,	DIST. No. 6, Collins M. Tapley.
Albion Sands.	DIST. No. 7, Nath'l Billings.
DIST. No. 2, John Gordon.	DIST. No. 8, Arthur Boothby.
DIST. No. 3, William D. Guilford.	DIST. No. 9, Israel G. Wake-
DIST. No. 4, Isaiah P. Milliken.	field.

Port Wardens.—Nathaniel Fernald, Abraham Cutter, John Dearing, Humphrey W. Mitchell.

City Weighers.—Alfred C. Tuxbury, Abraham Cutter, Joseph Richards.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND BARK.

Living H. Lane,	Frederic Dunn,
Joseph L. Hobson,	Samuel Berry,
Lewis McKenney,	Ira C. Doe,
William N. Perry,	Oliver Batts,
Charles Littlefield,	Michael N. Milliken,
William H. Webster,	Dominicus Jordan,
Martin H. Dearing,	Thomas J. Banks.
Samuel T. Shannon.	

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

Living H. Lane,	Charles Littlefield,
Daniel Rounds,	Joseph L. Hobson,
George W. Usher,	Stephen Watson,
Joseph Milliken,	Charles M. Littlefield,
Joseph T. Graffam,	James Andrews,
Frederic Dunn,	Michael N. Milliken,
Nahum McKusick,	William N. Perry,
Cornelius Wilson,	Joseph M. Jordan,
Martin H. Dearing,	Samuel D. Garey,
James M. Burbank.	Willis McKenney.

Fence Viewers.—John Gordan, Arthur Boothby, Lewis McKenney, William N. Perry, Francis Emmons, Alvin Googins.

Cullers of Staves.—Harrison Cleaves, Benjamin Prescott, James M. Burbank.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.—Francis N. Hodsdon.

Liquor Agent.—Benaiah Clark.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

On Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman, Edward P. Burnham, Councilmen, Albert C. Sawyer, Harrison Cleaves, William H. Lord.

On Accounts.—Alderman, Stephen C. Libby, Councilmen, George E. Corliss, Frank L. Harmon.

On Public Property.—The Mayor, Alderman Benjamin F. Cole, Councilmen, Harrison Cleaves, Isaiah P. Milliken.

On Printing.—Alderman Stephen C. Libby, Councilmen, Albert C. Sawyer, Charles D. Scamman.

On Public Instruction.—The Mayor, Alderman Nathaniel T. Boothby, Councilmen, Martin H. Dearing, Albert C. Sawyer, George Ricker.

On Sewers and Drains.—Alderman Benjamin F. Cole, Councilmen, Harrison Cleaves, John L. Rumery.

On the Poor.—Alderman John Hanscom, Councilmen, Frank Scamman, Frank Emmons.

On Ordinances.—The Mayor, Councilmen, Frank L. Harmon, John L. Rumery.

On Streets and Highways.—The Mayor, Alderman William Scamman, Councilmen, Martin H. Dearing, Frank Emmons, William H. Lord.

On Fire Department.—Alderman Charles M. Littlefield, Councilmen, Charles D. Scamman, Frank L. Harmon.

On Lighting Streets.—The Mayor, Councilmen, Moses J. Haines, Ivory Fenderson.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

On the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.—Aldermen, William Scamman, John Hanscom, Stephen C. Libby.

On Police.—The Mayor, Aldermen, Nathaniel T. Boothby, Charles M. Littlefield.

On Licenses.—The Mayor, Aldermen, Charles M. Littlefield, William Scamman.

On Enrolled Bills.—Aldermen, Edward P. Burnham, John Hanscom, Nathaniel T. Boothby.

On Elections.—Aldermen, Benjamin F. Cole, Charles M. Littlefield.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

On Elections.—Harrison Cleaves, George E. Corliss, Frank L. Harmon.

On Enrolled Bills.—Albert C. Sawyer, Frank L. Harmon, Ivory Fenderson.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

CITY OF SACO, February 27, 1869.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit to you my Report of the Receipts, Expenditures, and Appropriations of the City, from March 1, 1868, to February 27th, 1869, inclusive :

The amount of money raised the past year by
taxation, was \$70,082 40

This sum was appropriated as follows :

For State Tax,	\$14,969 55
County Tax,	2,905 54
Schools,	7,500 00
Streets and Highways,	6,250 00
Contingent Expenses,	2,000 00
Interest on City Debt,	5,000 00
Reduction of City Debt,	5,000 00
Discount on Taxes,	4,000 00
City Officers,	3,000 00
Police and Night Watch,	1,500 00
Printing, Stationery and Books,	500 00

Amount carried forward,	\$52,625 09
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Amount brought forward,		\$52,625 09
For Paupers,	2,500 00	
Fire Department,	3,000 00	
Street Lamps,	700 00	
Side-walks and Cross-walks,	2,000 00	
Land Damages,	2,736 00	
Improvement of Common,	500 00	
Repairs of City Building,	300 00	
Cole's Brook Bridge,	1,000 00	
Abutments on Main Street,	1,000 00	
Sewers and Drains,	1,500 00	
Overlaysings,	2,107 31	
Supplemental Tax,	114 00	
	<hr/>	17,457 31
		<hr/>
		\$70,082 40

Abutments on Main Street.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Expenditures,	686 97	
Transferred to Sewers and Drains,	215 89	
Transferred to Side-walks and Cross-walks,	97 14	
	<hr/>	313 03
	1,000 00	<hr/>
		1,000 00

City Officers.

Expenditures,	3,374 54	
Appropriation,		3,000 00
Transfer from moneys un- appropriated,		374 54
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	3,374 54	3,374 54

Contingent Expenses.

Expenditures,	\$4,000 13	
Receipts from various sources,		1,383 71
Appropriation,		2,000 00
Transfer from Cole's Brook Bridge,		543 63
Transfer from moneys unappropriated,		72 79
	<u>4,000 13</u>	<u>4,000 13</u>

Cole's Brook Bridge.

Appropriation,		1,000 00
Expenditures,	258 38	
Transfer to improvement of Common,	126 83	
Transfer to Contingent Expenses,	543 63	
Transfer to Sewers and Drains,	71 16	
	<u>1,000 00</u>	<u>1,000 00</u>

Discount on Taxes.

Expenditure,	4,379 02	
Appropriation,		4,000 00
Transfer from moneys unappropriated,		379 02
	<u>4,379 02</u>	<u>4,379 02</u>

Fire Department.

Expenditures,	2,859 15	
Appropriation,		8,000 00
Receipts,		31 64
Transferred to Highways,	500 00	
Transferred from moneys unappropriated,		827 51
	<u>3,359 15</u>	<u>3,359 15</u>

Improvement of Common.

Expenditures,	\$671 83	
Appropriation,		500 00
Transferred from Cole's Brook Bridge,		126 83
Transfer from moneys unappro- priated,		45 00
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	671 83	671 83

Interest on City Debt.

Appropriation,		\$5,000 00
Amount accrued March 1, 1868,		2,012 45
“ received from various sources,		340 96
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		7,353 41
“ pd. Interest on Notes,	2,383 30	
“ “ Interest on Coupons,	2,865 00	
	<hr/>	5,248 30
		<hr/>
		2,105 11
By accrued Interest, Mar. 1, '69,	1,391 27	
“ bal. to moneys unappropriated,	713 84	
	<hr/>	2,105 11

New Engine House.

Expenditures,	4,211 88	
Transfer from moneys unappro- priated,		4,211 88
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	4,211 88	4,211 88

Overlayings.

Amount assessed,		2107 31
Expenditures for abatements,	1,251 57	
Transfer to moneys unappropriated,	855 74	
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	2,107 31	2,107 31

Paupers.

Appropriation,		\$2,500 00
Received from Sup. City Farm		555 02
Received from Overseers of Poor,		184 80
Expenditures for City Farm,	1,010 52	
“ off from City Farm,	1,587 14	
Transferred to moneys unappropriated,}	642 16	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	3,239 82	3,239 82

Police and Night Watch.

Expenditures,	1,569 25	
Appropriation,		1,500 00
Transferred from moneys unappropriated,		69 25
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	1,569 25	1,569 25

Printing, Stationery and Books.

Appropriation,		500 00
Expenditures,	417 48	
Transfer to moneys unappropriated,	82 52	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	500 00	500 00

Reduction of Debt.

Appropriation,		5,000 00
Transfer to moneys unappropriated,	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	5,000 00	5,000 00

Repairs on City Building.

Appropriation,		300 00
Transfer from moneys unappropriated,		8 56
Expenditure,	303 56	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	303 56	303 56

Sewers and Drains.

Expenditures,	\$1819 05	
Appropriation,		1500 00
Transfer from abutments on Main st.,		215 89
“ “ Cole’s brook bridge,		71 16
“ “ Moneys unappropriated,		32 00
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	1819 05	1819 05

Side-walks and Cross-walks.

Appropriation,		2,000 00
Transfer from abutments on Main Street,		97 14
Assessment on Abutters,		456 29
Expenditures,	2,105 14	
Transfer to moneys unappropriated,	448 29	
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	2,553 43	2,553 43

Streets and Highways.

Appropriation,		6,250 00
Transfer from Fire Department,		500 00
Expenditures,	6,666 47	
Transfer to moneys unappropriated,	83 53	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	6,750 00	6,750 00

Street Lamps.

Appropriation,		700 00
Expenditure,	630 76	
Transfer to moneys unappropriated,	69 24	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	700 00	700 00

Supplemental Tax.

Amount of Tax assessed,		114 00
Transfer to moneys unappropriated,	114 00	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	114 00	114 00

Moneys Unappropriated.

Transfer to City Officers,	\$374 51	
“ Contingent Expenses,	72 79	
“ Discount on Taxes,	379 02	
“ Fire Department,	327 51	
“ Improvem't of Common,	45 00	
“ New Engine House,	4,211 88	
“ Police & Night Watch,	69 25	
“ Rep's on City Building,	3 56	
“ Sewers and Drains,	32 00	
Transfer from Interest on City Debt,		713 84
“ “ Overlayings,		855 74
“ “ Paupers,		642 16
“ “ Printing, Stationery and Books,		82 52
“ “ Reduction of Debt,		5,000 00
“ “ Side-walks and Cross- walks,		448 29
“ “ Streets and Highways,		83 53
“ “ Street Lamps,		69 24
“ “ Supplemental Tax,		114 00
Balance to City Debt,	2,493 77	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	8,009 32	8,009 32

City Debt.

Balance of Debt, March 1, 1868,	86,626 00	
“ from moneys unappro- priated,		2,493 77
“ of Debt Feb. 27, 1869,		84,132 23
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	86,626 00	86,626 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

City Bonds.

Am't outstanding March 1, 1868,	\$49,100 00
“ Issued during the year,	900 00
“ Outstanding Feb. 27, 1869,	<u>50,000 00</u>

City Notes.

Am't outstanding March 1, 1868,	37,383 66
“ Issued during the year,	22,978 39
	<u>60,362 05</u>
Amount paid during the year,	25,886 66
	<u>34,475 39</u>
Amount outstanding Feb. 27, 1869,	

County of York, County Tax.

Am't due on County tax, March	
1, 1868,	1,079 15
Am't due on County tax for 1868,	2,905 54
	<u>3,984 69</u>
Am't pd. bal. County tax of 1867,	1,079 15
“ “ “ in part of 1868,	1,500 00
	<u>2,579 15</u>
Am't due Feb. 27, 1869,	<u>1,405 54</u>

Interest On City Debt.

Am't accrued March 1, 1868,	2,012 45
“ “ during the year,	4,627 12
	<u>6,639 57</u>
Amount paid during the year,	5,248 30
	<u>1,391 27</u>
Due Feb. 27, 1869,	

Land Damages.

Amount Appropriated,	2,736 00
Expenditures,	2,636 23
	<hr/>
Am't duesundry persons, Feb. 27, 1869,	99 77

State of Maine, State Tax.

Am't due on State Tax, Mar. 1, '68,	8,650 20	
“ State tax of 1868,	14,969 55	
	<hr/>	23,619 75
Am't pd. bal. State tax, of '67,	8,650 20	
“ “ in part 1868,	7,469 55	
	<hr/>	16,119 75
		<hr/>
Am't due Feb. 27, 1869,		7,500 00

Schools.

Balance due School Dist. Mar. 1, '68,	810 37	
State School Fund,	153 41	
Appropriation,	7,500 00	
	<hr/>	8,463 78
Expenditures,		7,775 97
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Balance due the several school districts, Feb. 27, '69,		687 81

ASSETS.

J. C. Bradbury, Collector, 1863, and 1864, am't of uncollected tax of 1863, and '64,	322 56
D. Tuxbury, Collector 1866, am't of uncollected tax, Mar, 1, 1868,	1,367 82
Am't collected during the year,	1,309 00
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Balance due Feb. 27, 1869,	58 82

D. Tuxbury, Collector 1867, am't
 of uncollected tax Mar. 1, '68, 9,366 96
 Am't collected during the year, 8,519 28

Balance due Feb. 27, '69, 847 68

D. Tuxbury, collector '68, am't
 tax committed, 70,082 40
 Am't collected during the year, 60,629 59

Balance due Feb. 27, '69, 9,452 81

D. Tuxbury, collector 1868,
 Am't of Side-walk Assessment, 456 29

State of Me., am't due for school
 funds of Mar. 1, '68, 150 20

Amount school funds for 1868, 153 41

303 61

Am't Rec'd for school funds of '67, 150 20

Am't due Feb. 27, 1869, 153 41

State of Maine.

For amount State Pensions advanced, 132 00

“ Reimbursed by State, 90 00

Balance due Feb. 27, 1869, 42 00

J. W. Beatty, Treasurer.

Amount receipts during the year, 98,274 88

Amount payments, 98,180 90

Bal. due Feb. 27, 1869, 93 98

RECAPITULATION.

Liabilities.

City Bonds,	\$50,000 00
City Notes,	34,475 39
County of York, County Tax,	1,405 54
Interest on City Debt,	1,391 27
Land Damages,	99 77
State of Maine, State Tax,	7,500 00
School Districts,	687 81
	<hr/>
	\$95,559 78

Assets,

John C. Bradbury, Collector,	
1863 and 1864,	\$322 56
David Tuxbury, Collector, 1866,	58 82
“ “ “ 1867,	847 68
“ “ “ 1868,	9,452 81
David Tuxbury, Collector, Side-	
walk Assessment,	456 29
State of Maine, State School	
Fund,	153 41
State of Maine, State Pensions,	42 00
J. W. Beatty, Treasurer,	93 98
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	11,427 55
Balance of Debt, Feb. 27, 1869,	<hr/>
	\$84,132 23

Accounts in detail of Receipts and Expenditures may be found under their appropriate heads.

CHARLES LITTLEFIELD, Auditor.

S T A T E M E N T
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
CITY OF SACO.

FROM MARCH 1, 1868, TO FEBRUARY 27, 1869, INCLUSIVE.

R E C E I P T S.

Cash.

Am't received by J. W. Beatty, Treas. 1868, from Treas- urer of 1867,	\$1,202 29
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Contingent Expenses.

Am't rec'd from various sources,	1,383 71
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City Bonds.

Am't remaining in Treas. hands unsold last year, and sold the present year,	900 00
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Fire Department.

Am't received for rent of Hook & Ladder house,	31 64
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Interest on City Debt.

Am't rec'd from various sources,	340 96
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Amount carried forward,	<u>\$3,858 60</u>
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Amount brought forward,	\$3,858 60
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Notes Payable.

Am't received on Notes,	22,978 39
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Paupers.

Received from Sup. City Farm,	555 02	
" Overseers of Poor,	184 80	
	<hr/>	739 82

State of Maine.

Received from State, for School		
Fund,	150 20	
Rec'd from State for State Pensions,	90 00	
	<hr/>	240 20

Taxes.

Rec'd of D. Tuxbury, Col'r 1866,	1,309 00	
" " " " " 1867,	8,519 28	
" " " " " 1868,	60,629 59	
	<hr/>	70,457 87
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		98,274 88

*EXPENDITURES.**Abatements.*

Paid abatements to sundry persons,		207 68
Paid D. Tuxbury, Col'r 1866,	125 50	
" " " " 1867,	597 99	
" " " " 1868,	320 40	
	<hr/>	\$1,043 89
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		1,251 57

Abutments on Main Street.

Paid for labor and materials,	686 96
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CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid rent of Ward rooms,	\$18 00
Rent of Municipal Court Room,	37 00
Horse hire, Sup. School Committee,	45 50
Horse hire, City Clerk,	10 50
Pump and watering trough,	25 44
Care of clock and repairs,	26 00
Winding clock and ringing bell,	21 00
170 street numbers, and putting up same,	34 00
Postage, telegrams, revenue stamps, &c.	13 20
Services in City Council rooms,	60 25
Surveying and engineering,	93 95
Drafting plans &c.,	44 95
Fuel for Clerk's office,	17 50
Boxes for office, for papers,	4 95
Removing nuisance from highway,	3 00
For soldiers' bounty,	264 83
Fees to Pound keeper,	2 75
Ward signs,	6 00
Expense carrying insane person to Hospital,	6 55
Moving engine house on Free street,	20 00
Copy of plan from records,	2 00
Boards and posts for gravel pit,	14 25
Damage by defective highway,	3 00
Damage by defective culvert,	17 50
Witness fee in case of Boynton vs. City of Saco,	2 74
Execution in case of Boynton vs. City of Saco,	50 91
Services on equalization of Soldiers' Bounties, and expenses to Augusta,	69 60
Supplies for Council rooms and repairs,	16 69

Amount carried forward,

\$932 06

Amount brought forward,		\$932 06
Paid services and horse hire for list of		
scholars,	2 50	
Notifying Fire Police, &c.,	2 50	
Collector, for making Deeds,	6 50	
Committee on Streets,	72 00	
Horse hire for same,	13 25	
Committee on Accounts,	20 00	
Clerk of Common Council,	50 00	
Legal opinions,	100 00	
Notifying Officers of their elections,	9 00	
Express and blanks,	1 00	
Expense obtaining Ordinances from Portland,	1 10	
Assistance rendered Municipal Offi- cers, &c.,	45 10	
Supplies to Municipal Court room,	3 12	
Refreshments for Firemen at fires,	3 21	
Repairs on Steamer, &c ,	75 27	
Trials at Municipal Court,	31 00	
Board of health,	34 50	
" " outstanding,	51 00	
Repairs on reservoirs,	3 10	
Forty police badges,	4 00	
Services on Free street drain,	5 00	
Clerk of Common Council, outstanding,	50 00	
Supplies and repairs for Jail,	126 37	
Posting notices of elections, &c.,	22 00	
" " " outstanding,	7 00	
Watching at Fires,	13 75	
" " outstanding,	5 50	
Supplies for City Marshal's office,	10 99	
		<hr/> 768 76
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$1,700 82

Amount brought forward,		\$1,700 82
Paid for supplies for City Marshal's Office,		
outstanding,	21 00	
Rent City Marshal's office, outstanding,	10 00	
Expense searching for burglars,	5 00	
Expense conveying vagrants, &c.,	10 50	
Difference between Free street and		
Thornton Avenue Lot,	140 00	
	<hr/>	186 50
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		\$1,887 32

City Hall.

Paid for gas,	104 58	
Superintendence,	35 40	
Fuel, supplies and repairs,	50 97	
	<hr/>	190 95

New Covered Bridge.

Paid for labor taking down bridge,	76 42	
Labor and supplies building same,	675 34	
	<hr/>	751 76

Insane Hospital.

Paid for clothing and subsistence,		300 33
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Reform School,

Paid for subsistence,		85 86
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Liquor Agency,

Paid salary of Agent,	200 00	
Liquors and freight,	583 91	
	<hr/>	783 91
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		\$4,000 13

City Officers.

Paid Mayor's salary,	\$200 00	
Treasurer's salary,	250 00	
Commission to Collector for 1866,	47 34	
" " " for 1867,	78 42	
" " " for 1868,	559 30	
Sup. School Committee,	229 50	
Assessors,	506 00	
City Solicitor,	180 00	
City Clerk,	402 00	
Auditor,	150 00	
City Marshal,	125 00	
Engineers of Fire Department,	150 00	
City Physician,	50 90	
Board of Health,	51 00	
Overseers of Poor,	169 58	
" " outstanding bills,	20 00	
City Marshal, outstanding bills,	125 00	
City Physician, outstanding bills,	80 50	
	<hr/>	\$3,374 54

Cole's Brook Bridge.

Paid for labor and materials,	258 38
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County of York.

Paid bal. County tax of 1867,	1,079 15	
Paid in part County tax of 1868,	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	2,579 15

Discount on Taxes.

Eight per cent. discount on taxes, paid on or before July 10, 1868,	4,379 02
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Fire Department.

Paid Firemen's salary,	\$1,059 65	
Hauling engines,	157 00	
Fuel,	196 71	
Hose,	772 17	
Oil clothing,	16 00	
Rent of Hook & Ladder house,	85 56	
Repairs and supplies,	376 31	
Repairing Reservoirs,	45 75	
Engineers of Fire Department, out- standing bills,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,859 15

*HIGHWAYS.**Highway District No. 1.*

Labor of men and teams and materials,	\$1,581 03
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Highway District No. 2.

Labor of men and teams and materials,	930 25
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Highway District No. 3.

Labor of men and teams and materials,	603 15
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Highway District No. 4.

Labor of men and teams and materials,	3,552 04	
	<hr/>	\$6,666 47

Interest on City Debt.

Paid to sundry persons, interest on Notes and Bonds,	5,248 30
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Improvement of Common.

Labor of men and teams and materials,	\$671 83
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Land Damages.

Paid land damages to sundry persons,	2,636 23
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Notes Payable.

Paid City Notes maturing this year,	25,886 66
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New Engine House.

Paid for labor and materials,	4,211 88
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Police and Night Watch.

Paid for Police and Night Watch,	1,569 25
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Printing Stationery and Books.

Paid for Printing,	293 39	
Stationery,	35 15	
Books,	73 94	
Binding,	15 00	
	<hr/>	417 48

Paupers.

Paid for supplies and expenses for Paupers,	2,597 66
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Repairs on City Building.

Paid for labor and materials,	303 56
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Street Lamps.

Paid for oil and matches,	\$67 85	
Gas,	419 67	
Repairs and lighting,	109 44	
Lamp posts, lanterns, &c.,	33 80	
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Side Walks and Cross Walks.

Paid for labor and materials,	\$2,105 14
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Sewers and Drains.

Paid for labor and materials,	1,819 05
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State of Maine.

Paid bal. State Tax of 1867,	8,650 20	
“ in part, State Tax of 1868,	7,469 55	
	<hr/>	16,119 75

School Districts.

No. 1,	Paid salaries and supplies,	5,868 41	
2,	“ “ “	420 09	
3,	“ “ “	195 82	
4,	“ “ “	301 75	
5,	“ “ “	215 24	
6,	“ “ “	206 48	
7,	“ “ “	233 24	
8,	“ “ “	73 56	
9,	“ “ “	261 38	
		<hr/>	7,775 97

State of Maine.

Paid State Pensions to sundry persons,	132 00
Total expenditures of the City of Saco, from March 1, 1868, to February 27, 1869,	98,180 90

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts,		98,274 88
Expenditures,	98,180 90	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	93 98	
	<hr/>	98,274 88

*REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY
OF SACO, FEBRUARY 27, 1869.*

City Building and Lot,	\$20,000 00	
City Farm,	3,500 00	
City Prison and Lot,	6,000 00	
Engine House and Lot, Thornton Avenue,	4,800 00	
One fourth House and Lot, Common Street,	100 00	
Wilkinson Gravel Pit,	300 00	
Property bought for taxes,	10 22	
	<hr/>	\$34,710 22

Clock and Bell,	\$1,663 45	
Stock and supplies on Farm,	1,860 80	
Fence around Jail yard,	320 00	
Improvements on Common,	671 83	
Furnishings in Court Room,	1,150 00	
Liquors in Agency,	192 63	
Reservoirs,	4,225 00	
Two hand Engines and Apparatus,	3,475 00	
Hook & Ladder Carriage and Apparatus,	450 00	
Steam Fire Engine and Apparatus,	4,500 00	
Furniture in City Council Rooms,	270 00	
Furniture in Municipal Court Room,	25 00	
New Hose for Steamer and Deluge Co.,	766 00	
	<hr/>	\$19,569 71

CHARLES LITTLEFIELD,

Auditor of Accounts.

Saco, March 12, A. D. 1869.

REPORT

OF

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

CITY FARM.

Expenditures.

For stock, labor, supplies, &c.,	\$660 52	
Nath'l Billings, one year's salary as Sup.,	350 00	
	<hr/>	1,010 52

Receipts.

From sale of produce and stock,	555 02	
	<hr/>	555 02
Excess of Expenditures over Receipts,		<hr/> 455 50

Profit and Loss.

Stock and supplies on Farm, Mar. 1, '68,	1,947 12	
Excess of Expenditures over receipts,	455 50	
	<hr/>	2,402 62
Stock and supplies on Farm, Feb. 27, '69,	1,860 80	
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Net expense of Farm,	541 82	

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FROM FARM.

Expenditures.

For supplies and expenses for paupers,	\$1,587 14
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Receipts.

From Town of Hollis,	\$53 05	
West Gardiner,	10 25	
Kennebunkport,	74 00	
Bridgton,	23 00	
Received on Note, E. H. Leavitt,	15 00	
Refunded by Paupers,	9 50	
	<hr/>	184 80

Excess of expenditures over receipts,	1,402 34
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GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Expenditures.

Total expenditures for City Farm,	1,010 52	
Off from Farm,	1,587 14	
	<hr/>	2,597 66

Receipts.

Total receipts from City Farm,	555 02	
Receipts off City Farm,	184 80	
	<hr/>	739 82

Deficit of stock and supplies on Farm,		1,857 84
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		86 32
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		1,944 16

Due from the town of Lagrange,	46 55	
Due from other towns,	14 75	
Paid in excess of receipts from bills,	55 83	
Paid the previous year,		117 13
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Actual expense for the year,	1,827 03
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Present number of paupers on the Farm, 16—average number, 16.

Annexed we present account of stock and produce on City Farm.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. N. PERRY,	}	OVERSEERS
F. A. BOOTHBY,		OF
B. F. COLE.		POOR.

Saco, Feb. 27, 1869.

STOCK ON CITY FARM, SACO, FEBRUARY 23, 1869.

20 tons of hay, at \$15,	\$300 00
1 yoke Oxen,	235 00
1 Bull,	30 00
5 Cows at \$50,	250 00
2 three year old heifers, at \$42.50,	85 00
3 Calves, at \$10,	30 00
1 Horse,	80 00
9 Sheep, at \$4,	36 00
6 Swine, at \$12.50,	75 00
1-2 Ton Coal, at \$12,	6 00
25 Cords Wood, at \$3,	75 00
6 Bbls. Pork, at \$27,	162 00
3 Bbls. Beef, at \$16,	48 00
8½ Bbls. Soap, at \$3,	10 50
100 Bush. Potatoes, at 85c,	85 00
20 Gals. Molasses, at 60c,	12 00
90 Bush. Corn, at \$1.20,	108 00
3½ Bush. Barley, at \$1.50,	5 25
11 Bush. Oats, at 90c,	9 90
11 Bush. Beans, at \$3.00,	33 00
15 lbs. Wool, at 40c,	6 00
200 lbs. Fish, at 3c,	6 00
50 lbs. Butter, at 45c,	22 50
80 lbs. Lard, at 23c,	18 40
75 lbs. Tallow, at 10c,	7 50
25 lbs. Candles, at 15c,	3 75
1½ Bbls. of Flour, at \$10,	15 00
Farming tools,	100 00
12 Yards Flannel, at 50c,	6 00
	<hr/> \$1,860 80

R E P O R T

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C I T Y M A R S H A L .

CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE, SACO, March 1, 1869.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my second Annual Report in relation to the Police Department of this City, for the municipal year ending March 1, 1869.

I have arrested the past year, one hundred and sixty-one persons, for various crimes, as shown in the following table:

For intoxication and disturbing peace,	80
Assault and battery,	24
Malicious mischief,	10
Larceny,	20
Breaking and entering,	10
Selling intoxicating liquor,	4
Search for stolen goods,	3
Search for intoxicating liquors,	2
Night walking,	2
Fast driving,	4
Peddling without license,	2

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No. of Truants sent to school, 30.

Whole No. of calls, 87.

The number of commitments to jail, 217, as follows :

Criminals,	81	
Lodgers,	136	
	—	217

Licenses granted as follows :

Circuses,	3	
Dogs,	5	
Billiards,	2	
	—	10

Amount received for licenses, \$62.00.

Stolen goods have been recovered to the amount of \$163.

Respectfully submitted,

OBADIAH DURGIN, City Marshal.

REPORT

OF

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Liquor Agency—BENAIAB CLARK, *Agent*.

Amount of liquors on hand Feb. 27, 1869,	\$192 63	
Paid for liquors and freight,	583 91	
Agent's salary,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$976 54
Amount of liquors on hand Mar. 1, 1867,	\$205 75	
Received from sales of liquors,	740 50	
	<hr/>	946 25
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Loss of Agency,		\$30 29

REPORT

OF

BOARD OF HEALTH.

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACO:

The undersigned, being the Board of Health for said City for the current political year, herewith report :

That they, or a majority of them, have visited twenty-six different localities, being every place to which their attention has been called or directed, where any source of filth or other cause of sickness existed, and have in each case where they considered the premises as being in a condition likely to endanger the life or health of any inhabitant, notified the owner or occupant to remove or discontinue the cause thereof, and where said owner or occupant have failed to remove or comply therewith, efficient measures have been taken to have the same removed in manner provided by law.

Under the direction of the board there has been kept a full and explicit statement of the various localities visited, dates of visitation, names of owners and occupants, condition of the premises, and the doings of the Board, a synopsis of which, for obvious reasons, we do not include in this report, but instead thereof we submit for your examination and inspection and as supplementary hereto, the book containing said statement.

J. E. L. KIMBALL,
J. L. ALLEN.

Saco, Feb. 7, 1869.

REPORT

OF

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR, AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACO :

Your Engineers of the Fire Department, would beg leave to submit their final report of the labor and condition of the Department, for the year ending March, 1869.

The Department has been called out during the year forty-three times to fires and false alarms, as follows : Fourteen fires in Saco, twelve fires in Biddeford, and seventeen false alarms.

Of the fires in Saco, it is supposed that all but five have been the work of incendiaries. Property has been destroyed to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars. Of this amount, we think if the "Niagara" Engine had been manned and in working order, with one reservoir on Pepperell Square, six thousand might have been saved.

The condition of the Department is as follows :

One hand Machine, with a full and efficient complement of men. One Steamer in good order and well manned. The Steamer has had to have a considerable amount of repairs ; the tubes in the boiler were of iron and had become worthless; these have been replaced with brass ones, and also a new grate, which makes the Machine of more value than ever before.

The "Hooks" have a Company partially organized.

The "Niagara" has no Company and is not equipped.

The Reservoirs are all in good order, with the exception of the one on the corner of Main and Free Streets, it having become almost useless in consequence of the sediment that has accumulated from the street. I would recommend that it be cleansed.

The Steamer has five hundred feet of new hose, and is well supplied. The "Deluge" has three hundred feet of new hose and is well supplied.

A new contract has been made with Mr. Charles Harmon, for the hauling of the Steamer, at the old price of one hundred and fifty dollars per year.

Your Engineers, on retiring, would take the liberty to recommend that the City build one or two Reservoirs in the West part of the city, and one on Pepperell Square, also one near the City Hall; also that the Company for the "Hooks" be well equipped, and that a Company be organized for the "Niagara," and that the tub be well equipped.

They would also recommend the continuance of the Fire Police, and that they have a more perfect organization.

We are under many obligations to the Fire Department of Biddeford, for their prompt and efficient aid at all times; both Departments acting in harmony at fires.

I would, on retiring, beg leave to return my sincere thanks to my predecessors, and to the Departments of Biddeford and Saco, for their valuable aid and courtesy rendered at all times.

I shall, on account of the detriment to my health, be compelled to decline any further official connection with the Department.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

MARK PRIME, Chief Engineer.

Saco, March 6, 1869.

REPORT

OF

CITY SOLICITOR.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

The undersigned begs leave to submit the following report of the legal business of his department for the past municipal year, and would say that the City has not been involved in any litigation or legal proceedings of any kind of great importance during the year, excepting suits which arose at the commencement of the year and were pending in the Supreme Judicial Court at the time of my last Report.

A petition was filed in the early part of the year by Horace Woodman, to the County Commissioners, for an abatement of taxes, and a hearing was had upon the same, before said Commissioners, but in consequence of informality in the proceedings, or other cause, after full hearing the petition was dismissed.

The suits pending in the Supreme Judicial Court at the date of my last report were, respectively, P. S. & P. Railroad Co. vs. City of Saco, and John Gilpatric vs. the City of Saco. There did not seem to be any issue of fact in dispute between the parties to require the intervention of a Jury in the first named case, and it was deemed advisable to submit the matter at once to the Law Court, which was done at the last September Term, on an agreed statement of facts; and the case is

now pending before said Court, and will be argued at the coming term. It was expected and hoped that the case of Gilpatrick vs. Saco would be tried and finally disposed of at the last January Term holden here, but the circumstances were such that no legal trial could possibly be had, and it became absolutely necessary that the case should be continued to the next May Term.

I would, in conclusion, reiterate the suggestions made in my last report, that those cases be tried and determined by law, as the result may be of much value and importance hereafter.

I have appeared before the Municipal Court for the State in the following cases, to wit: Larceny, 3; Felonious Assault, 1; all of which have been finally determined.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. GUPTILL, Solicitor.

REPORT

OF

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

SACO, MARCH 12, 1869.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACO :

We, the undersigned, Committee on Printing, herewith submit our annual report.

Last year being the first of the new form of Municipal Government, therefore requiring the printing and publishing of the City Ordinances, and the establishing of the Municipal Court, which required the printing of blanks for the same, also bonds for funding of the City debt, as well as blanks for the different departments of the City Government, in order to complete and put the same in operation, together with the ordinary amount of printing required each year, necessarily made the printing bills much larger than they will likely to be for several years to come. This year the Committee have tried to curtail the expenses of this department as much as possible, consistent with the interest of the City. Last year the different departments ordered, to some extent, printing done and charged to the City, without the approval of the Committee. This year, by the advice and recommendation of the Mayor, that bills in all the departments must be approved by the Committee of that department before the same should be paid,

we have acted accordingly, but have not succeeded to our satisfaction, as bills for printing have been contracted to quite a large amount without the knowledge or approval of the Committee. For the interest of the City, we would recommend that some action be taken in regard to the payment of bills presented without the approval of the appropriate Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. F. SHAW,	}	COMMITTEE
J. L. RUMERY,		ON
A. C. SAWYER,		PRINTING.

R E P O R T

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

The Superintending School Committee of the City, submit the following report :

SCHOOL MONEY.

The amount of school money raised for the year 1868 was \$7,500. The amount received from the State was \$153 41, making a total of \$7,653 41.

The Schools generally during the past year, have kept fully up to their former standard of excellence. In District No. 1, with one or two exceptions, they have been better than ever before to our knowledge. This is owing to the fact that they have been taught by teachers of experience, who have also had the advantage of continuing in the same schools from year to year.

In the other Districts no particular change has been noticed. These schools labor under the double disadvantage of having but two terms in a year, with long vacations, and of having a change of teachers nearly every term. The number of classes, too, in these schools, rendered necessary by the fact that they cannot be graded, greatly lessens the efficiency of even the best teachers. We would recommend that, if possible, first-class

teachers be employed in these schools, and be retained for a number of terms. We have had many *peripatetic* school masters, who, never thoroughly trained to their business, have wandered in successive years from one District to another, only the more thoroughly to demonstrate their incapacity.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The matter of School Houses demands your early attention. The House in District No. 6, has been burned down since the close of the Winter school, and in one or two other Districts, new Houses are imperatively demanded. In District No. 1, the scholars in daily attendance cannot be comfortably seated, and it was necessary, at the beginning of the Winter term to transfer the scholars from one Primary School to the others, and establish a new Intermediate school. As a natural result the Primary Schools are now crowded, and another should be immediately established. The old wooden School House on Pleasant Street, still retains the bad pre-eminence of being the most unsightly, inconvenient, unwholesome, uninviting School house in the City. It is absolutely wicked to oblige scholars and teachers to live and labor in such a place. The fact is, Saco is about twenty-five years behind hand in the matter of School Houses, and it is about time to wake up to the subject, and adopt such wise and comprehensive measures as its importance demands.

ABSENCE AND TRUANCY.

Truancy, and the absence of so many scholars from our schools demand your attention. Less than one half of our scholars are registered in all our schools during the year. Many are not seen in any school from year to year, and we think it would not be impossible to find here, young men and young women born and reared in Saco, who can neither read nor write. This matter demands closer attention on the part of the School Guardians. So far as we know they have attended to every

case of truancy that has been reported to them by the teachers, but we have yet to learn that the City Ordinance concerning continuous absence has been enforced in a single instance.

WAGES OF TEACHERS.

We recommend, that, if necessary, a larger amount of money be raised so as to increase the wages of the women who serve us in the important and responsible office of teachers. We believe that in qualifications and faithfulness in the discharge of their duties, they are inferior to no teachers of the same grade in New England, while nowhere else is the salary of this class of teachers so low. Indeed, it would be impossible for a woman teaching her life time here on the present salary, to live comfortably and respectably, and make a suitable provision for sickness or old age. We commend this subject to your consideration, and that of the Agents whom you may elect. We would suggest also the propriety of introducing instruction in music into the High and Grammar, and Intermediate Schools of District No. 1.

Also we commend to your notice the expediency of consolidating the various School Districts, of abolishing the present system of Agents and Committees, and of putting the whole control of the schools in the hands of a single Board, as by the Charter you have the power to do. In conclusion, we would say that the whole duty of the City in regard to education, is, to provide the best School Houses, apparatus and other appliances of teaching, to employ the best teachers, and lastly, to see that every scholar in the City enjoys all the advantages offered to him.

WM. HOBSON,
MOSES J. HAINES, } S. S. Committee.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

No. of District.	GRADE OF SCHOOL.	Amount of Money to each District.	Whole number of Scholars in each District.	SPRING TERM.		SUMMER TERM.		FALL TERM.		WINTER TERM.	
				No. of Scholars Registered.	Average No. in Attendance.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average No. in Attendance.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average No. in Attendance.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average No. in Attendance.
1.	High School,	\$5,531 15	1384					40	34	49	41
"	Grammar school,			129	98	104	80	132	103	131	101
"	Intermediate School, Middle Street,			61	50	60	52	76	63	62	48
"	" " Pleasant Street,									37	28
"	" " Green Street,			60	48	50	40	68	52	54	44
"	Primary School, Common,			57	40	68	47	51	34	51	41
"	" " " "			56	30	67	49	64	40	50	33
"	" " Middle Street,			76	56	71	58	69	49	63	46
"	" " Pleasant Street,			40	29			40	30		
"	" " " "			41	31	47	38	40	31	57	44
"	" " Green Street,			51	38	51	42	57	42	61	43
"	" " " "			44	37	46	39	44	35	57	41
"	Mixed School, Buxton Road,					19	10				
"	" " Portland Road,					27	20	26	21		
"	" " Boom Road,					20	17				
2.	" "	463 56	116			60	55	55	44	61	48
3.	" "	199 83	50			17	14	26	18		
4.	" "	287 75	72			35	21			42	33
5.	" "	211 82	53			25	18			31	27
6.	" "	219 91	55			31	21			42	32
7.	" "	215 91	54			29	23			35	26
8.	" "	275 76	69			30	22				
9.	" "	247 72	62			36	28			40	33

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